

## CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

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20. (currently amended) A disposal diaper for user incontinent care, the diaper comprising:

a hip belt forming a peripherally closed hip opening of the diaper with means for opening and closing the hip belt at a least one location;

a main diaper portion having a front region, a rear region, an intermediate crotch region, a back sheet layer facing away from the ~~patient~~user which is impermeable to liquids, a top sheet layer facing the user which is permeable to liquids, and an absorptive body for body fluids, wherein said main diaper portion also has means for attachment to said hip belt in a detachable fashion at a longitudinal end of said front region or of said rear region via first closing means in such a fashion that the user, with said hip belt applied, raises said main diaper portion between the legs and attaches a free longitudinal end of said main diaper portion to said hip belt in a detachable fashion, wherein said first closing means are disposed between said hip belt and said longitudinal end of said main diaper portion; and

longitudinally extended second closing means for effecting a holding connection between said hip belt and ~~said front region~~ or said crotch region of said main diaper portion, said second ~~holding~~closing means being structured, dimensioned and disposed such that the user, after loosening said first closing

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means, folds or opens said front region of the said main diaper portion away from said hip belt, wherein, in an applied state of the diaper, said second closing means extend in an approximately V-shaped manner with respect to each other from said hip belt to said crotch region.

21. (currently amended) The disposable diaper of claim 20, wherein said second closing means have a length of 10 to 50 cm, ~~of 10 to 40 cm, or of 15 to 35 cm.~~
22. (currently amended) The disposable diaper of claim 20, wherein said second closing means have a width transverse to a longitudinal extent thereof of between 0.5 and 8 cm, ~~between 0.5 and 6 cm, between 0.5 and 5 cm, between 0.5 and 4 cm, or between 0.5 and 3 cm.~~
23. (cancelled)
24. (previously presented) The disposable diaper of claim 20, wherein said second closing means are elastically stretchable.
25. (previously presented) The disposable diaper of claim 20, wherein, during proper use, said second closing means are permanently connected at one end to said hip belt and are detachably connected to said main diaper portion at an other end.
26. (previously presented) The disposable diaper of claim 20, wherein, during proper use, said second closing means are permanently

connected at one end to said main diaper portion and are detachably connected to said hip belt at an other end.

27. (previously presented) The disposable diaper of claim 20, wherein said second closing means have ends which are attached, or which are attached in a permanent manner, to said hip belt and to said main diaper portion, said second closing means also having a closeable, detachable connection along their longitudinal extent.
28. (previously presented) The disposable diaper of claim 20, wherein said first and/or said second closing means have mechanically acting closing elements or glued regions.
29. (previously presented) The disposable diaper of claim 20, wherein said second closing means cooperate for closing with pre-positioned, opposing closing elements or regions on said main diaper portion or on said hip belt.
30. (previously presented) The disposable diaper of claim 20, wherein said second closing means, when presented to the user or customer in particular in a packaged state prior to use, are folded in a pleated manner.
31. (previously presented) The disposable diaper of claim 20, wherein said second closing means, upon presentation to the customer in particular in a packaged state prior to use, are disposed or extended along said hip belt.

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32. (previously presented) The disposable diaper of claim 20, wherein said second closing means, upon presentation to a customer in particular in a packaged state prior to use, are disposed on said liquid impermeable layer.
33. (previously presented) The disposable diaper of claim 20, wherein said second closing means, upon presentation to the customer in particular in a packaged state and prior to use, are associated with said hip belt or said main diaper portion to remain in an unused state, without interference.
34. (previously presented) The disposable diaper of claim 20, wherein said the second closing means, upon presentation to a customer in particular in a package state prior to use, are covered.
35. (previously presented) The disposable diaper of claim 20, wherein said hip belt is permanently mounted to said rear region of said main diaper portion.
36. (previously presented) The disposable diaper of claim 20, wherein said hip belt is integral with said rear region of said main diaper portion.
37. (previously presented) The disposable diaper of claim 20, wherein said hip belt is attached in a permanent fashion to said liquid impermeable layer of said main diaper portion.

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38. (previously presented) The disposable diaper of claim 20, wherein said hip belt is configured in a peripheral direction as one, continuous piece.